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SUBJ: CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO IRAQ

1.EMBOFF DISCUSSED FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S FEBRUARY 4-8 VISIT TO IRAQ WITH MFA MIDDLE EAST SECTION CHIEF SOLMAZ UNAYDIN ON FEBRUARY 13. UNAYDIN, WHO HAD BEEN IN THE DELEGATION, CHARACTERIZED THE TRIP AS A NORMAL, RECIPROCAL VISIT TO THE ARAB COUNTRY WITH WHICH TURKEY HAS THE "CLOSEST" RELATIONS.

2. UNAYDIN SAID THAT THE PRINCIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE VISIT HAD BEEN:

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(A) THE SIGNING OF AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, WHICH, AS IN RECENT AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH IRAN AND LIBYA, IS A "FRAMEWORK" AGREEMENT. TECHNICAL TALKS WILL BE INITIATED SHORTLY TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR COOPERATION. THE GOT HOPES TO PROVIDE MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN EXCHANGE FOR IRAQI CAPITAL.

(B) A CONTRACT FOR SIX MILLION TONS OF IRAQI OIL FOR 1976.

3. THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CROSS-TURKEY TRANSPORT AND TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS, BUT WILL MEET AGAIN WITHIN THREE MONTHS TO TRY FOR AN AGREEMENT. UNAYDIN WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THE IRAQIS WOULD CONTINUE TO PAY THE FORMER TARIFF, OR WOULD BE CHARGED AT THE NEW 40 KURUS PER KM/TON RATE, OR WOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC THROUGH TURKEY UNTIL A NEW AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE IRAQIS, LIKE THE IRANIANS, WERE UPSET WITH THE NEW TURKISH RATE SCHEDULE.

4. ON POLITICAL ISSUES, THERE WAS NO DIFFICULTY IN ARRIVING AT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON CYPRUS AND THE MIDDLE EAST. HOWEVER, THE GOT WAS "DISAPPOINTED" THAT THE LANGUAGE ON CYPRUS DIDNOT CALL FOR BIZONAL FEDERATION ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS, BUT HAD NOT REALLY EXPECTED THE GOI TO AGREE TO THAT FORMULATION. SIMILARLY, THE GOI HAD MADE NO EFFORT TO PUSH GOT INTO A STRONGER FORMULATION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. (THE STATEMENT CALLS FOR "SUPPORT OF THE LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE FOR THE REALIZATION OF THEIR INALIENABLE NATIONAL RIGHTS").

5. ACCORDING TO UNAYDIN, THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF THE KURDISH ISSUE, ALTHOUGH SHE STATED THAT THE SUBJECT MAY HAVE COME UP IN THE PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN SADDAM HUSSEIN AND CAGLAYANGIL. THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE EUPHRATES RIVER PROBLEM, BUT UNAYDRR NOTED THAT GOT WAS NOT IN POSITION TO CONCLUDE ANY AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE KARAKAYA DAM.
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6. CAGLAYANGIL EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO SADDAM HUSSEIN AND FONMIN HAMMADI TO VISIT TURKEY.

7. EMBASSY IS POUCHING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COPY OF THE COMMUNIQUE TO DEPARTMENT.
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